

REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-22 are pending and are allowed.

Claims 1-22 are objected to for the formalities stated on page 2, item 1 of the Action.

Allowed claims 1-22 remain pending for reconsideration, which is respectfully requested.

OBJECTION TO THE SPECIFICATION AND CLAIMS

The Office Action page 2, items 1 and 2 objects to the specification, including the claims, because of the formalities as stated.

It is understood that the Office copy of the application specification, including the claims, has become corrupted by having missing alphanumeric characters (based upon the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) image file wrapper). For the convenience of the Office and the Examiner for entry into the Office records, another complete copy of the specification, including the claims, as originally filed on the application filing date of December 16, 2003 is submitted and attached hereto. It is submitted that the originally filed specification, including the claims, did not contain any missing alphanumeric characters. Entry of the original specification and the claims is respectfully requested. Withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

No new matter has been added.

OBJECTION TO THE ABSTRACT

In accordance with the foregoing, the Abstract has been replaced (Replaced Abstract attached hereto) taking into account the Examiner's comments. Withdrawal of the objection to the Abstract is respectfully requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.


Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,
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